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## BIG BLAZE IN LONDON

Thirteen Eight-Story Buildings

HAIRBREADTH ESCAPES.

**An Estimated Loss of Fifteen Million Dollars.**

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**SERIOUS SCARCITY OF WATER.**

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LONDON, Oct. 8.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations that has occurred in the history of the metropolis, broke out at 11 o'clock this morning in the

The fire spread with marvellous rapidity

broken out thirteen of the eight-story houses comprising the property were destroyed. The buildings were occupied by stores, mostly fancy goods and toy emporiums. In one of the buildings destroyed was located a large printing establishment. Another of the buildings was occupied as a bank, but through the strenuous efforts of the firemen the structure was saved from total destruction.

**Foreign News in Brief.**  
LONDON, Oct. 8.—The warlike attitude of Servia has compelled the Porte to call on

An imperial trade has been issued, mobilizing the entire army. The Turkish Ministry believes that Serbian troops will cross the frontier, although certain of defeat, in order to raise the question as to Serbian rights. The Porte has represented to the foreign ambassadors at Constantinople that a Serbian revolution would lead to agitations in Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that Austria and Russia would

Lord Salisbury spoke at the National Conservative Conference yesterday and outlined the policy of his party. He said it was no part of Great Britain to interfere with Roumelia, but that the policy of the government is to uphold Turkey. He favored a great change in the present methods of self-government. Extending self-government to Ireland, he said, was still an open question; but it is desirable, as far as possible.

The English imports during September decreased £2,290,000, as compared with the corresponding month last year. The same decrease was also recorded in the

**UNRULY STRIKERS.**  
They Intimidate Men Who Wish  
to Earn Their Living.

St. Louis, Oct. 8.—Very unexpected quite an unruly disposition was manifested among some of the strikers yesterday afternoon and in several cases violence was used.

against the new men running cars. The spirit cropped out chiefly on the Cavendish Road and five drivers were dragged from the cars and roughly handled. Several strikers were arrested. A disposition to interfere with the running of the cars was also manifested on the Washington Avenue Line, the president of which, as a precautionary measure, ordered all the cars turned in at dark. A crowd of strikers left Turner Hall, which is their headquarters.

Street line stables and endeavored to persuade the men of that road to join the strike, but their mission was a failure. Few cars were running last night on the roads involved in the strike, but their managers generally express the belief that they will be in good shape to-day, and able to run regularly.

The street car managers made a strenuous effort this morning, and in consequence

B. T. Shelton has been appointed water man at the Washington Aeglum, v. Michael C. Urie, removed.

Mr. C. A. Hamilton of Le Droit Park has complained to the Commissioners that the contractors at the boundary sewer has not repaired the crossing at the entrance to the park which they removed.

Health Officer Township yesterday received a letter from Wm. Morris, of Wiltshire, England, inquiring as to the date and place of Ben. Bear, who died in captivity between five and ten years ago. The correspondent says this message description would not be sufficient to find

**CITY HALL NOTES.**

The application of A. M. Fleming, a clerk, to admission to the bar of this court was today referred to the examination committee.

Henry Lacy, a colored boy, 13 years of age, was acquitted in the Criminal Court. The charge of assaulting and detaining by force on Georgianna Gibson, a 10-year-old colored girl, the statements of the girl being very conflicting.

follows: J. W. Shely of Springfield, and Lewis Perley of Indianapolis; Richard L. Medley and Virginia L. Medley both of Alexandria, Va.; John R. Tins and Agnes E. Robinson; Samuel H. Ward Emma J. Glasgow; Jacob E. Pringle Emma Yates; Washington Comish; Frances Hynes; John W. Scott of Prince George's County, Md., and Ellen A. Hynes of this city; Randolph L. Green and John E. Hynes both of Baltimore.

Catherine M. Jones sues, by a lis pendens, brought against Frederick B. and others, heirs of Catherine Bates, have the will of the latter construed in relation to squares 615, and the validity of limitation in devise over the share of R. E. Lamont, deceased, and daughter the testatrix, dying intestate and with issue, for the share of the daughter, Adrienne.

by decree of the court. That in case  
of a decree of partition over shall be ad-  
judged and partition of lots 11 to 16,  
2, and lots from 23 to 38, and lots from  
to 53, and lots from 61 to 67, lots 73, 77,  
78, and lots from 87 to 98, and lots from  
to 129, and from 134 to 140 in this su-  
perior court among the several parties en-  
titled thereto, according to their respective  
interests.